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For the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese Patent No. 2,810,033 B2, the Examiner is referred to the specification at page 1, lines 14-20, and the counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,943,650.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 7-89305 B2, the Examiner is referred to the specification starting at page 1, line 21, and ending at page 2, line 19, and the corresponding English-language abstract.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:

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A copy of each cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

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